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COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the McFarland Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Renovation & Upgrades project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, located at 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio 44024.

McFarland WWTP is Geauga County's largest WWTP, designed to treat 1.8 million gallons per day, and is located in Bainbridge Township. Based upon numerous NPDES permit violations, the County entered into an Administrative Order on Consent with the EPA, Region 5 (Chicago) on 10/15/20 to make the necessary improvements and repairs to bring the plant into compliance by the end of 2023. The Department is currently in negotiations with an engineering firm to develop the plans and design, and then begin construction in late 2022. The funding would be used to fund the planning and design of the renovation and upgrades to the plant; given that this is being pursued under a Federal consent order, it would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Out of all the 907 NPDES permitted wastewater treatment facilities in Ohio, McFarland Creek WWTP ranks number 3 for highest number of reported effluent water quality violations in the last 3 years. It is one of 21 facilities in the state which have been issued a formal enforcement action from the U.S. EPA in the last 5 years.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

David P. Joyce  
Member of Congress